

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Rd. Bantam, CT

Call to Order: Chairman Robert Blazek called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Robert Blazek, Linnea Healy, Abby Conroy, Anthony Paradise, Frederick Minck (7:07 p.m.), Jack Hamill, Carol Williams, Barabara Brower and Dr. Frank Schildgen. Also present was Ann Combs, Recording Secretary. Dennis Tobin, Ph.D., Wetlands Agent, was absent.

Members Absent: None

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: Chairman Blazek appointed Barbara Brower as a regular member in place of Fred Minck until his arrival.

PERMIT REVISION

1. Halkiotis – 303 Torrington Road

2/11/15

Permit revision to change driveway from gravel to paved (original permit #1088 approved 7/10/13)

Architect Michael Boe represented Mrs. Halkiotis and showed his map. He had been waiting for a drainage line to be moved to behind her property, and it has now been moved. There is a stream that runs in the back of the property. They would now like to pave the graveled area. The work will take place in the regulated area. The existing easement for the drainage work has now been abandoned by the State, so it reverts to the property owner, and they can now build across. A. Paradise argued that the map is misrepresented to what the State has done and was concerned about the added flow from the lower culvert through its lateral.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the permit revision by Halkiotis, 303 Torrington Road, per map by Berkshire Engineering and Surveying dated 6/5/13.

Second: Dr. Frank Schildgen

Vote: All voted aye except Carol Williams who voted nay, and the motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2015

Motion: Dr Frank Schildgen moved to approve the 1/14/15 meeting minutes.

Second: Fred Minck

Vote: All voted aye except Jack Hamill and Carol Williams who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

3. Correspondence

a) Frances Clem, 39 Case Ave: Mrs. Clem sent an email saying the neighboring property was purchased from Michael Fabbri by Mark Zappone. They have spread fill and elevated the property to an alarming height, threatening trees on her property and blocking the culvert. The wetlands to the west are also threatened. She is asking for Inland Wetlands to protect the neighboring properties. R. Blazek said Public

Works will check into the culvert. Dennis Tobin looked at the property and will talk to Mr. Zappone to resolve, encouraging him to use best management practices, and reporting back to Inland Wetlands.

b) Army Corps of Engineers Brochure: *Are you Planning Work in a Waterway or Wetland?* Mr. Blazek said the Army Corps is now claiming Federal jurisdiction on the wetlands near the McBride Road area. Nothing can be done in that area until they come to a finding. A. Paradise said we should continue to follow the rules of the State of Connecticut.

4. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

5. Adjournment

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Second: Dr. Frank Schildgen

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary